

## SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

## FOR

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

1       WHEREAS, two of this country's greatest waterways, the  
2       Mississippi River on Missouri's eastern border and the Missouri  
3       River which winds across the state, helped Missouri become a  
4       supply center for many of the westward-bound settlers of the  
5       nation's early years; and

6       WHEREAS, from the muddy Missouri to the swift and clear  
7       Jacks Fork, the hundreds of rivers and streams in Missouri snake  
8       across more than 110,000 miles of the state - more than four  
9       times the distance around the earth - providing endless  
10      recreational opportunities for Missourians, including boating,  
11      fishing, swimming, and bird watching along the bluffs bordering  
12      our many rivers and streams; and

13      WHEREAS, shipping along the navigable rivers boosted  
14      Missouri's status as an agriculture supplier, barges and  
15      steamboats used the waterways to move goods, river towns boomed,  
16      and railroads continued to fuel the growth of Missouri as a large  
17      transportation center; and

18      WHEREAS, the Missouri Territory, and later the State of  
19      Missouri, took the name of the Missouri River which was named for  
20      the Missouri Indians who lived along the banks; and

21      WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has many nicknames, with the  
22      most widely recognized being "The Show-Me State" and "The Cave  
23      State"; and

24      WHEREAS, roads along or near both banks of the Mississippi

1 River along its entire length have been designated as "The Great  
2 River Road" and are marked with a special road sign which depicts  
3 a ship's wheel; and

4 WHEREAS, the Great Rivers Greenway District was established  
5 in November 2000 in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St.  
6 Charles County to eventually develop "The River Ring" as an  
7 interconnected system of greenways, parks, and trails in the St.  
8 Louis area which will enhance the quality of life for residents  
9 and visitors; and

10 WHEREAS, from confluence of the Big Muddy and the Mighty  
11 Mississippi at the eastern portion of the state and looking  
12 north, south, or west, the State of Missouri includes the land  
13 that Meriwether Lewis and William Clark scanned as they began  
14 their journey up the Missouri River on their Voyage of Discovery  
15 in 1804, the land that is habitat for deer, turkey, bald eagles,  
16 and other wildlife, the land that is farmland abundant with  
17 agricultural crops, and the same land that held 260 billion  
18 gallons of water during the Great Flood of 1993; and

19 WHEREAS, with much of Missouri's history tied to the mighty  
20 rivers that flow through it, Missouri should also be known as the  
21 "The Great Rivers State":

22 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the  
23 Missouri Senate, Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular  
24 Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby  
25 encourage the use of the slogan "The Great Rivers State" as a  
26 slogan for the State of Missouri; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri  
28 Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this

1 resolution for Kathleen Steele-Danner, the Director of the  
2 Division of Tourism.

3